## Thomas, Felicia

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**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2013 3:31 PM

**To:** DeGering, Tracy **Cc:** Woodruff, Leigh

**Subject:** NPDES General Permit for Small Suction Dredge Mining;

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## Tracy,

Is the Salmon River to be Open waters for small suction dredge mining under the NPDES General Permit for Small Suction Dredge Mining?

It has been 13 years since the Clinton Administration un-successfully closed the Salmon River to small suction dredge mining. The State of Idaho got it re-opened before the 2000 mining season started, with very restrictive site specific rules.

Please answer this question if it is in your power to do so.

Don Smith